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Column One By David Courtney

EVERYBODY wants peace, even those who are getting ready for war, even those who are cancelling out the benefits of Marshall Aid with the commitments of the Atlantic Pact. M. Bidault, speaking in Paris on the eve of May Day, agreed that the burden of the international conflict is getting too heavy to bear. It is one reason why wages cannot keep level with prices. It is a reason for internal, political and social disension. If there were some sort of understanding between the parliamentary West and the Communist East there might also be some sort of understanding between the parliamentary parties of the Western countries, which include Communists. There might be some sort of stability within a stable international system. It is at present only a hope and there are no convincing portents of its coming to pass. Lord Boyd Orr, apt to his own special and magnificent interest, has just spoken in the same tones. He believed it should be possible to work now towards the fulfillment of the global plan to abolish hunger, poverty and disease, and to bring in "a new era of unparalleled economic prosperity." It is another way of saying that it should be possible to devise a constructive world peace. It is possible, only the defeatists say it is not. Mr. Eban has made a just comparison between the peace needs of the Middle East, and the peace needs of the world. Israel believes in peace, however far removed its system of government may be from the systems of governments in the "picturesque but authoritarian monarchies."

THE world, East and West, wants peace. Since Mr. Churchill made his election plea for talks at the "very highest levels" between the West and Soviet Russia, other leaders of public opinion have dared to express the same view, and by expressing it, to put about the view that such talks might be profitable. Army chiefs are not usually of the same mind. Their job, make it difficult for them to be of the same mind. As a consequence, certain pressure groups in some countries are using the soldiers' support of their government into policies economically crippling and internationally provocative. It is a pity that Mr. Churchill's plea has not become a signal for a Western Peace Movement. The Russian-sponsored Peace Movement is suspect. But there are plenty of common people who want peace so fervently that, to them, any such movement is better than none. The West should be able to compete in this preparation for war. Mr. Acheson's recent programme for peace is not the way any more than the Czech 5-point Peace Resolution now going the rounds of the British House of Commons, is the way. Mr. Acheson's plan involves a form of political unconditional surrender on the part of the Soviet. The catch also much the same of the Western Powers. But after making the usual accusations against "imperialist war-mongers" and calling for an end to the "unjust, cruel and bloody wars in Viet Nam, Malaya and elsewhere," it demands that "world peace be based on the conclusion of a peace pact between the Great Powers within the framework of the United Nations." That may be the operative clause of the resolution. At any rate, it seems to be something worth setting. Lord Boyd Orr claims that if the Russians were to return a show offer of collaboration for peace and prosperity, made to them by "the nation which is sure of itself," then it would become clear that their objective is world domination.

THE world's ordinary people want peace. They want it for no other reason than to give the boot. Or, they want to get away with the boot and poverty. On the other hand, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Truman, Mr. Stalin and all the others are, that point should be beyond doubt. There should be some way of having the Soviet's military might without weakening the capacity of the West to resist it. It is what Mr. Bidault really wants. It is a plain fact that every big move at the Western Powers have been in at least a defensive move. It is a good idea to have an over to the offensive — a Peace offensive.

UK: Israel Has Arms Sources

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON, Tuesday. — The "Manchester Guardian" was the only paper this morning to carry a report of Israel's charges against Britain's arms shipments to the Middle East and the Foreign Office's rebuttal released last night.

Amplifying the latter, the "Guardian" diplomatic correspondent recalls that the British Government first indicated its readiness to consider arms requests from Israel, but subsequently decided that arms sales to Israel would be inconsistent with Britain's treaty relations with the Arab states while tension persisted between the Arabs and Israel. "It is felt," he writes, "that Israel is well able to buy arms from other friendly countries and no effort has been made to prevent her doing so."

This underscores the Foreign Office's denial of alleged intervention in Washington to prevent the sale of jet planes to Israel.

Advice on Sources

Unofficial British advice has recently centred on the possibility of Israel's obtaining suitable equipment from a West European country, whose arms are being standardized in accordance with the British pattern. Such suggestions are usually accompanied by the reminder that Britain must retain the closest links with the Arab countries without encouraging them to military adventures. "The worst effect of such subterfuge is that they might, to some eyes, make Israel look and sound like any of its neighbours, and counteract the knowledge that Israel represents an oasis of relative stability and stability in the Middle East."

It is worth bearing in mind that although London is committed to the role of protector of the Arab states, the latter's unreasonableness has harmed their standing. Israel's growing prestige here stems from the belief that its Begin is not representative.

A.Z.C. Campaign For U.S. Arms for Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK, Tuesday. — The American Zionist Council will announce tomorrow an intensified campaign to secure Government approval for arms for Israel. Not a single important Israel request has yet been approved.

The campaign will include mass meetings in all cities, press advertisements and visits to Congressmen, climaxed by a national assembly in Washington on June 4 and 5.

Nationalists Admit Loss of Hainan

TAIPEI, Tuesday. — Chinese Nationalists have completely abandoned Hainan Island, the Nationalist Defence Minister announced today. He said the last ship had left the embarkation port of Yulin after destroying the harbour's defences and the garrisons fled. He said that Nationalist losses had been heavy but did not disclose any figures. The Communists had lost hundreds of vessels in their conquest of Hainan, he added. In a giant red hunt on Sunday, the Nationalists had arrested 1,294 persons on Formosa, it was officially disclosed today. Most of the arrested persons were detained on charges of entering Formosa illegally or lacking proper credentials. (AP, UP)

18 NATIVES DIE IN S. AFRICA RIOT

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday. (AP). — Eighteen natives, including one woman, are dead and more than 30 are wounded following a night of terror last night on the Witwatersrand. Sixteen of the dead were shot by police, who dispersed May Day gatherings, and two were suffocated by the fumes of a burning cinema set ablaze by rioters.

Britain Prevented Jet Plane Sales

HA'KIRYA, Tuesday. — Britain prevented the sale by a Western European country of jet planes to Israel, it was officially stated here today.

An aeroplane firm in that country, the identity of which was not disclosed, had offered the planes provided there would be no objection from Britain since a licence from a British firm was involved, it was said.

Israel approached the British Government which refused to permit the sale. This statement refuted a statement made by a British Foreign Office spokesman yesterday that Britain was not trying to prevent Israel from obtaining jet planes and other arms.

Arms Sales to Arabs 'An Aid to Peace'

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Foreign Office sources today said that Britain would continue to supply the Arab states with arms according to existing treaty obligations and stressed that Israel is free to buy arms from other countries. These same sources also denied pressuring the U.S. against shipping military supplies to Israel and repeated the official view that British arms cannot be made available to Israel because such an attitude would be "inconsistent with obligations to Arab states until peace is restored in the Middle East."

A British Foreign Office spokesman yesterday denied that Britain had supplied arms to Syria or the Lebanon, or that any contracts to supply arms had been signed with those countries. He said that the supplies made available to Egypt, Iraq and Jordan by Britain were designed to provide for the defence of the countries concerned and to contribute to peace by building up confidence in their stability.

Lattimore Calls Accusers 'Liars'

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Professor Owen Lattimore, State Department adviser on the Far East, told a Senate Committee under oath today that the people who accused him of being a Communist are "liars."

The Committee is investigating charges by Senator Joseph McCarthy that the State Department is harbouring Communists. The Far Eastern expert swore under oath that ex-Communist Louis Budenz was a "paid informer and unscrupulous man" who brought the charges for personal gain. (Reuter, UP)

Peking U.N. Request Sent to Bangkok

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday (R). — Communist China's application for membership of the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East has been referred to the Commission's meeting at Bangkok on May 18 for a decision. The application, signed by Chen Yi-Lai, Foreign Minister of China, said Chai Chao Ting had been appointed Communist representative, and asked U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to request a visa from the Chinese government. It also reportedly asked for the expulsion of the present Nationalist delegates. Mr. Byron Price, Acting Secretary-General in the absence of Mr. Lie, referred both requests to the Commission, whose decision on whether to seat the Communist representative presumably will determine whether it asks for the visa.

LIE IN PARIS

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, who is making a tour of European countries, today conferred with French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman. Mr. Lie, who may visit Moscow during his European tour, is in Paris to preside over a meeting of the U.N. specialized agencies.

A Logical Question

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. Ernest Davies, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Minister knew the full losses British army stores suffered in Egypt in 1948-49 and whether he would reconsider an approach to the Egyptian Government.

There was general laughter when Mr. Ian Mikardo, Labour member, interjected: "Since we are giving away millions of pounds worth of military stores to the Egyptians, why go to the trouble to stop them pinching a bit more?"

'Phone Call Helps Labour Win Vote

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — The British Labour Government had a narrow escape last night in the Commons. The House divided by only 278 for and 278 against. The Chairman then cast the deciding vote. It was the first tie vote in 20 years.

The Government probably would have survived a defeat on the question at issue as it was not considered a serious one. The vote was on a Conservative motion to slash the pay of the Transport Minister Alfred Barnes and his officials.

The Government was saved greater embarrassment by a telephone call. The call was received by a Liberal M.P., and while he was absent, the House voted on the motion to cut salaries of the Transport Minister. Other Liberals had opposed the Government on this issue, and if he had got back in time and voted with the other Liberals, the Government would have suffered defeat.

Liberals Decline Tory Proposal

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The British Liberal Party today gave an official rejection to Conservative party overtures for an anti-Socialist coalition.

After a three-hour meeting of the Liberal Party Committee, the Chairman, Mr. Clement Davies, said, "The Liberal Party Committee assures Liberals in the country that it has no intention of compromising the independence of the Liberal Party."

Today's statement was an answer to the proposal of Conservative Chairman Lord Woolton last weekend that Liberal and Conservative candidates should make some arrangement not to oppose each other at the next general election.

Lord Woolton had listed nine points of policy on which he claimed Conservatives and Liberals were agreed.

U.S. to Cut Tariffs If Europe Follows; Persia Asks Aid

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. (UP). — The United States will cut tariffs on butter, olive oil and leather within a month and is considering tariff concessions on several hundred other items, it was officially disclosed today. Officials said that objections to possible concessions had been fewer than expected. The State Department is planning to send negotiators to a mass tariff-cutting conference to be held in England on May 28. In order to encourage international trade, American negotiators will be prepared to freeze or reduce tariffs on imports of certain foreign goods if foreign countries will make similar concessions on U.S. goods.

Six Senators Debate European Recovery

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The United States Senate debate on President Truman's request for \$1,000 million for European recovery opened today with only six of the Senate's 96 members present. Seventy-three Senators had received permission to absent themselves to attend constituent meetings and other business when the aid bill came up for debate. Other Senators drifted out, as Republican Senator George Malone, the first speaker, rose to criticize increased exports of European goods to the dollar market. He said the import programme sponsored by the Marshall Plan administration would jeopardize the U.S. domestic economy.

Full Dress Debate On Trans-Jordan In Knesset Today

Trans-Jordan's annexation of parts of Western Palestine occupied by the Arab Legion will be debated today in the Knesset. The Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, announced yesterday that the Government had agreed to a full-dress debate on the subject.

The action was taken after four Opposition parties yesterday asked for the Knesset floor to call for a debate on the subject.

Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda (Mapam) sought to introduce a proposal touching on the Government's reaction to the merger proclaimed by King Abdullah. Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut), Mr. Israel Roach (General Zionists) and Mr. Meir Wilner (Communists) had each informed the Speaker that they had proposals to submit with regard to Trans-Jordan's action.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, was absent from the House yesterday but is expected to make a statement today.

The Finance Committee, which met in Jerusalem yesterday for the first time after the Passover recess, fixed its agenda for the next few meetings and approved two minor bills.

Agency Discusses Immigration

Immigration problems, policing of transit camps, and the decisions of the Zionist General Council were discussed by the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Berl Locker, and the Head of the American Section, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, at the Executive meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. Levi Eshkol, speaking on the work of Amidar, stressed the necessity for a special effort to increase the housing programme. Mr. E. Dohlan raised the question of a special budget for training youth in agriculture both here and abroad and for providing instructors.

Pakistan Premier Leaves for U.S. Visit

LONDON, Tuesday. — Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Prime Minister, left London in President Truman's private four-engine airplane, the "Independence," for Washington today. Mr. Khan called on Mr. Clement Attlee yesterday. Mr. Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner in London, and Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to Britain, called separately on Mr. Khan yesterday morning.

Red Cross Appeal To Outlaw Atom Bomb

GENEVA, Tuesday (AP). — A world-wide appeal to outlaw atomic weapons was formally launched today by the International Red Cross Committee. It asked all governments "to take steps to reach an agreement on the prohibition of atomic weapons." Today's appeal was the Committee's first attempt to revive the issue since the atomic energy commission bogged down in total east-west deadlock. (See Chron. — Page 3)

Search for Victims Of Explosion in India

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (UP). — Rescue parties hunted throughout the night in the rubble of an ancient fort in the town of Patiala where at least 19 persons were killed and 25 seriously injured in yesterday's powder magazine explosion. The tremendous force of the blast pulverized a 200-foot section of the fort's massive wall, scattering bricks and stone into the crowded market area.

U.N. Plane Forced Down—Wrong Route

LYDDA, Tuesday. — A U.N. plane was forced down here this morning by two Israeli planes, one of which fired a warning burst when the pilot refused to obey the Israeli's signals to land.

Previously, the U.N. plane had been instructed to return to the flying field by means of the accepted signals, but these had been ignored. A Government announcement pointed out that in July, 1948, the authorities fixed air corridors to be used by planes crossing Israel territory. On February 3, an additional announcement was made reminding all those concerned of the law, as a number of breaches had occurred.

For some time, the U.N. had been ignoring the corridors despite repeated protests by the Government, the statement continued. The last warning was presented to the U.N. on March 14. When the plane was sighted, it was heading for a forbidden area, and was accordingly forced down. The plane was later allowed to continue on its way, after the pilot had been informed that a formal protest would be made to the U.N. Chief of Staff.

Abdullah Says League Crumbling

CAIRO, Tuesday (UP). — King Abdullah, in an interview with an "Al Ahran" correspondent today, said that the Arab League is crumbling and suggested that only a meeting of Arab kings and presidents could give the League rebirth. Abdullah justified the "unification on both banks of the Jordan" by stating that "we have heavy military and economic responsibilities. Our area extends from the Red Sea to the Sinalah district — over 750 kilometres. This is because we have occupied areas previously held by Egyptians and Iraqis."

"We also believe that a normal life for the people there should be restored in order to put them on the road to security. These are things about which I personally feel strongly as do the inhabitants on both banks of the Jordan."

Ramallah Radio announced yesterday that the Jordan League meeting will be headed by the Foreign Minister, Shureiki Pasha, and will be composed of the third time of an equal number of members from both sides of the Jordan.

Anglo-Iraq Oil Talks Open in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Tuesday. (Reuter). — Anglo-Iraqi oil talks to settle outstanding issues between the Iraq Petroleum Company and the Iraq Government opened here yesterday. Issues included the possibility of increasing royalties and raising production, and whether payments should be made in gold in the free market.

At the same time the Iraq Government has recalled for consultation Ali Muntaz, former Finance Minister, now negotiating in London for a World Bank loan to Iraq.

League Blacklists U.S. Firms in Israel

The Arab League has decided to place the Ford Company, the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation and over a dozen other leading U.S. car manufacturers and chemical concerns with branches in Israel on the new Arab economic "black list," the Arab daily "Al-Difa" reported yesterday from Cairo.

The report added that League representatives in the U.S. will attempt to persuade these firms to close their branches in Israel, otherwise their products would be banned from the Arab market. Radio Beirut reported yesterday that the Arab League will shortly open publicity office in New York.

After Midnight

A French commercial airliner, carrying 32 passengers and 12 crew members, was forced to land in French West Africa. All passengers and crew were reported safe.

U.S. Court Refuses To Rule on Voting Law

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. (Reuter). — A Georgia law intended to curtail Negro voting was left unimpaired when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the statute on the ground that no substantial federal question was involved. The law passed by the Georgia legislature in February, 1949, required re-registration of Georgia's 1,200,000 voters, and demanded information tests. Voters would have to read and write sections of the Federal or state constitutions or answer questions.

Trustee States Won't Come

HA'KIRYA, Tuesday. — Eight of the ten member States of the Trusteeship Council had so far declined the Government's invitation to visit this country, the Foreign Ministry disclosed today. The invitations had been extended as an opportunity to study at first hand the actual conditions in Jerusalem, whose fate they were discussing in the abstract.

The states which rejected the invitation were Argentina, Australia, Belgium, France, New Zealand, the Philippines, the U.K., and the U.S. The spokesman said that nothing had so far been heard from either the Dominican Republic or the Soviet Union, and in view of the fact that four weeks had elapsed, the Government was inclined to interpret silence as a refusal. The Chairman of the Council, who was invited ex officio and not as a representative of his country, had at the outset accepted the invitation and had even set a date for his visit, but had finally abandoned the idea as he was not certain of being able to see the Arab part of Jerusalem.

Refusal to Take Realistic View

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent
HA'KIRYA, Tuesday. — The Government's statement on the somewhat cavalier reception accorded its invitation to the Trusteeship Council members to visit Jerusalem during the recess in the Council's sessions is open to a variety of interpretations. However, the reaction common to all the governments represented on the Council was that in their opinion a visit of their representatives to Jerusalem could serve no useful purpose.

This attitude is regretted here since it reduces any hope there may have been that the Council, when it reassembles in June, would bring to its discussions a greater sense of the realities of the situation. It is felt that the Council could not have failed to do so if it had taken advantage of opportunities to judge the facts on the spot.

An understanding of some of the basic facts of the economic nexus between Jerusalem and Israel—a theoretical realization of which must have been at the bottom of the Council's inability to make provision for the economic future of Jerusalem — could hardly have been avoided if the Council's members had been willing to observe the facts in actual practice.

Crisis Not Solved

Asked whether the changed attitude of the Soviet Union did not signify the failure of the internationalization plan, the spokesman replied that the withdrawal of Soviet support from the statute certainly meant a marked improvement in the situation but did not in itself terminate the crisis. Important interests still adhered to the internationalization scheme, invoking the existing resolution of the General Assembly. Much effort would, therefore, still be needed to lead the U.N. out of the impasse created and reach a just and practicable solution of the problem of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

Officers Meet On Border Control

Israel and Arab Legion local commanders met at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem yesterday under the auspices of the Mixed Armistice Commission to discuss measures to prevent further infiltration and thieving along the border. Present were 30 Israel and five Jordan officers.

The commanders agreed that it would be desirable to put up joint posts along the southern border. This, however, would be discussed further by the southern local commanders at another meeting on May 15.

Improved Contact

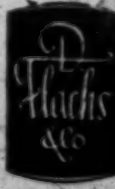
They agreed that the communications and cooperation between the Arab Legion and Israel's civil police could be improved to ensure quick action against infiltrators and thieves. Jordan agreed to consider an Israel suggestion that refugee camps be moved farther inland. The Legion commander of one sector of the "Triangle" area said he was already sending known thieves and infiltrators further inland as a preventive measure.

The U.N. representatives were Col. B. de Reeder and Captain Routelle.

PRESIDENT TO BE J'LEM FREEMAN

The Freedom of the City of Jerusalem will be conferred on President Weizmann at his home in Rehovot today by a Municipal delegation headed by the Mayor, Mr. Daniel Auster.

President Weizmann will be the second to receive this honour from the capital. The Prime Minister, Mr. D. Ben Gurion, received it last December.



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Social & Personal

Mrs. Vera Weizmann and Sir Simon Marks were among the audience at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's concert last night at which Leonard Bernstein conducted and was the soloist in his own Second Symphony, "Age of Anxiety," based on a poem by Auden.

The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, last night entertained several hundred guests in Jerusalem to mark the reopening of the Legislature.

Professor N. Ben-Zabab Amzallak, Rector of Lisbon University, arrived in Israel yesterday for a short visit. He is the head of the Jewish Community in Portugal and a distinguished adviser to the Portuguese Government.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, has arrived in Israel.

Magistrate H.S. Lowenberg has left Israel for a lecture tour in the U.S. at the invitation of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. I. Marsden, Engineer of Messrs. Platt Bros. (Sales) Ltd., Oldham, has left Israel by El-Al plane after a short visit.

Dr. Noah Braun, of the Hebrew University's School of Oriental Studies, will deliver an address under the auspices of the Hebrew University on "Rabbi Moshe Ibn-Ezra and his Work on Comparative Poetry" at 8 o'clock this evening at Terra Sancta (Room 29A), Jerusalem.

Mozart Hapovalov invites Pioneer Women and overseas visitors to a lecture by Mrs. Rachel Katznelson-Shazar on "The heritage of our children" at 4.30 this afternoon in the Bet Hahitot, 37 King George Ave., Tel Aviv.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
A memorial service for Avraham Nuriel will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday evening at the Mesopotamia Youth Club at 18 Rehov Adin in Jerusalem, when a library will be opened in his name.

Reception for Hadassah Board

Five Hadassah National Board members now in Israel were guests of honor at a reception given by the Hadassah Council in Israel at the Brandeis Vocational Centre on Monday evening. Mrs. Samuel Halprin, President of Hadassah; Mrs. S.J. Rosensohn, Mrs. David Greenberg, Mrs. Herman Shinnar, and Mrs. Moses Epstein were introduced to the guests by Mrs. Gershon Agon, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel. Among the guests were the U.S. Consul-General and Mrs. Gibson; the U.S. Vice Consul, Mr. William Penniman; Dr. A. Biran, the President of the Hadassah District Representative; Professor Julius Jarchow; Professor Selig Brodetsky, President of the Hebrew University; Rabbi S. Asaf, Rector of the Hebrew University; Mr. Moshe Kol, of Youth Aliyah; Mr. Abraham Granot, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund; Aloof Moshe Dayan; Dr. Joseph Hirsch, Advisor to the Hadassah Medical School; and staff members of the Hadassah Medical Organization and Hadassah Youth Services.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.
EDEN: Madame Bovary.
EDISON: The Red Shoes.
GIBSON: Constantine (17.30 & 9.30 p.m.).
NEWADAR: Golden Butterfly.
STUDIO: Romance in Paris.
ZION HALL: Johnny Belinda.

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Speaker Eulogizes Knesset Member

Mr. Avraham Tabib, Knesset Member who died during the Passover recess, was eulogized in the House yesterday by the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak. Members stood in silence while Mr. Sprinzak spoke.

The Speaker paid tribute to Mr. Tabib as a man who personified "Torah and Labour." He had been a strict observer of religious law, and at the same time keenly progressive.

Mr. Tabib had been the "shepherd and guide" of the Yeminite community, the Speaker declared. He had been brought up in Rishon Le Zion where he lived in a ramshackle hut. As an agricultural labourer and through his public service, he had won a place for himself in the Labour movement and in the State.

Eight fountain pens were alleged to be stolen from the show window of the "Kol Ha'or" in Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem, on Sunday night. A rifle and 11 cartridges were allegedly stolen from the home of a Jerusalem watchman on Sunday.

Government offices in the General Post Office, Jerusalem, are being contacted on ten lines: 4611-2-3, 4611-4612-3-4-5, 4612-3.

Airline Head Defied Nazis

BY MONTY JACOBS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — In the grim days of the Nazi occupation of Denmark, thousands of Jews were ferried to safety across the waters to Sweden. One man was responsible for deciding the ports of embarkation, seeing that ships were available, checking that all was well to receive the refugees on the Swedish side.

That one man was Mr. Viggo J. Rasmussen, the European Director of the Scandinavian Airlines System, who has just completed a week's visit to Israel. Carrying on his airline and his underground activities at the same time, Mr. Rasmussen defied the Nazis for three years. But he was caught and imprisoned in January of 1943.

"I had two offices," Mr. Rasmussen said in an interview here. "One was for my normal business, the other for my work as underground communications officer. Our resistance movement was quite well organized — it was broken down into groups who helped the Jews to escape. Later many of our own resistance men escaped the same way and came back with arms to carry on the fight."

For safety's sake, only one man in each group knew and worked with Mr. Rasmussen — that lessened the chances of being caught.

Negev Milk Yield Rising

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Negev settlements are now delivering some 5,000 litres of milk to Tnuva daily, apart from the quantities consumed and used locally. This production could be stepped up to about 7,000 litres if settlements were equipped with refrigeration plants, it is learned here.

Two veterinary surgeons are now stationed in the Negev, one at Nir Am and the other at Sa'ad. They both tour all settlements, keeping the dairy herds under constant observation.

MOBILE STAMP EXHIBIT

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — From all over the world stamps showing landscapes, workers, ships, seaplanes and waterfalls are among the exhibits at the Mobile Stamp Exhibition opened by Mr. M. Saslawski, a stamp dealer, in the Peer Cafe here this week.

Stressing the educational value of the stamps, the Exhibition contains also full series of Palestine and Israel stamps and first-day covers.

POLISH CONSULATE

A branch of the Jerusalem Polish Consulate-General has been opened for the Arab sector of Palestine outside Herod's Gate, "A-Difa'a" reports.

SHOCKS IN LOCAL LEAGUE GAMES

Three thousand spectators turned out to see the leaders, Tel Aviv Hapoel side which fought back well. Hapoel's centre forward, Zvi Shoshon, scored twice, while shortly afterwards Miriamovich, Maccabi centre forward, hit the crossbar after receiving a good pass from Yona Fuchs. Yona's brother, Eli, put Maccabi in front just the tenth minute when he sent in a "corner" from a 15 metre freekick, to give Maccabi a 1-0 half-way advantage. Hapoel's outside right, drew Benderasht off of goal in the second half and only a last minute shot off the line by back Kisman saved Maccabi. Then Benderasht saved a penalty kick by Ben Ziv, Hapoel netted three times more in the second period. Hapoel spoiled their great play with weak finishing.

The surprise result at Haifa came from a fine display by the local Maccabi team against their strong opponents. Hapoel netted the goal which sent the Hapoel back pointlessly. Ramat Gan Hapoel went into a 1-1 lead in their game against Natanya in the first half and then added one more in the second to win 2-1. The League game between Ramat Gan Hapoel and Rehovot Maccabi did not take place as the Ramat Gan side turned up late. Instead a friendly was played, in which Rehovot won 2-1, after leading 2-1 at half-time.

(Donations were given Sunday)

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

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ONE more international conference is being called to consider the possibilities of reducing the tariffs which constitute one of the most serious obstacles to world trade

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and thus to the improvement of living of millions of people the world over. Meanwhile, it is reported, the U.S. will cut its customs duties on butter, olive oil and leather, and the American representatives at the forthcoming conference will be prepared to freeze or reduce tariffs on certain other foreign goods if other countries will make similar concessions for American goods.

If the U.S. is to help restore the political stability of other countries, which means the gainful employment of their populations, it will have to help them to buy the machinery, the agricultural produce, the raw and semi-finished materials which they require. Unless America is prepared indefinitely to give them the money for these purchases it must allow them to earn it by selling their goods. Yet the U.S. is the country with probably the highest protective tariff wall in the world, and the reduction of duties on three such items as butter, olive oil and leather is almost farcical in face of the drastic measures that the situation calls for.

To ward off their economic difficulties other countries also have protective tariffs, and Mr. Paul Hoffman, administrator of the Marshall Plan, has long been pressing the European governments to form customs unions. Out of this desire Finebel was born last year. It has died so quietly that few people can remember what the name represents, and the manner of its life and death is instructive. Finebel, originally called Fritalux, was a regional grouping, made up of France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, created for the express purpose of satisfying the American desire that Europe lower its tariff walls. But the Italians said they would lower tariffs and imperil their industries only if the others opened their frontiers to workers from overpopulated Italy. Belgium, which already has a serious unemployment problem, wanted France to take more Belgian goods, and France refused. The Dutch said they could not enter the group unless the others lowered their tariffs.

By the time the group was ready to begin its work, the U.S. had decided to reduce its tariffs on a wide range of goods, and the Americans were beginning to feel that the group was no longer necessary.

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CAMP DIFFICULTIES LEFT BEHIND MAGIC CARPETERS TAKE ROOT

By DOROTHY BAR-ADON

HERE I come, ready or not!" Remember that warning cry in childhood games? After a visit to the Yemenite settlement of Kfar Avoda, which happened to coincide with the tragic outbreak at the Ein Shemer camp, one felt that the cry could be brought up-to-date: "Let them come, ready or not!"

As long as there's a plot of ground offering the challenge and security of building for themselves—let them come. If the housing is ready or not. If the equipment is ready or not. Give them a good instructor (most preferably Israeli Yemenites) and let them come.

Kfar Avoda, a prospective moshav, is located on a hill-top overlooking the Sea of Galilee, formerly the site of Poriya. It has a history of exactly four months. We left there with bouquets of red radishes and green onions, the proud gift of the settlers with whom we had recited the blessing of the First Fruits. They are living in barracks and tents, bare of all furnishings, except for the bed, mattress, and blanket they received upon leaving the camp. Sheets are not to come. Everything is primitive with a capital "P." Still, it would be hard to imagine a more cheerful and giving than we saw in Kfar Avoda. We chatted with dozens of men, women, and children. We heard no complaints (except a minor worry that the Western Hebrew teaching might spoil the children's accent).

Beauty Progress. We saw much in a few hours—the Magic Carpeters were taking root. One memory remains outstanding—the young man who invited us to visit his wife in her tent because she couldn't come out at the moment. Was she ill? No. She had arrived from camp a few hours ago and was beautiful herself. And there she was, like a Biblical princess, adorning herself with oil; her long black hair, dusky arms, face and neck glistening. Still, she continued to pour on more oil as though to smooth away all camp memories before embarking on a new life in the tent-palace which her husband had prepared while she remained behind in the camp with her ill baby. He had managed to make her a chair, too—she gazed at this with pride but preferred sitting cross-legged on the cot, vigorously sipping her tea, fondling her children, and granting an "interview" all at the same time. Here were the Yemenites as we are accustomed to know them: clean, industrious, pious,

disciplined, and loving growing things. A number of the men, who were formerly silversmiths or artisans in other fields, are now engaged in re-afforestation. They displayed the blisters on their hands and one slim silversmith said, "On the evening of my first day of planting, I fell on my cot and wept. But after the first week, I knew it would be good." Others work in the surrounding settlements and there is no unemployment.

Family Gardens. The barracks, occupied by first comers, with one room and a porch to a family, are bare of furnishings, but the belongings are neatly arranged. Tents, too, are made the best of. Each family—whether barrack or tent dwellers—has its vegetable garden. In fact, you can calculate when they were sent from the camp by the height of the radishes and parsley. Those who have been on the spot for four, three, or even two months, are already inoculated with the taste of pride in pioneering. With properly raised eyebrows they discuss those who arrived a month later and wonder how the newcomers will fit into the spirit of Kfar Avoda. Kfar Avoda had a good start. The surrounding settlements lent a hand, sending

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Rembrandt of the 'Staedtel'

THE exhibition of oils, pastels and sketches by Abraham Goldberg at the Bezalel Museum, Jerusalem, is an affair for the connoisseur. There is nothing surprising about his art, no noticeable development since, at first a master in brush and ink, he started to paint some years ago in an exquisite manner. Goldberg's art is as single-tracked as was the painting of Isidor Kaufmann. He is a dithyrambic of the Jewish "Staedtel" in Poland. No other theme exists for him. This permanent repetition tires the spectator. Of the 50 works in the present exhibition, six are standing women, eight, sitting women, ten, sitting rabbis; always the same women and the same rabbis, and all the remaining pictures, with one or two refreshing exceptions, are combinations of his three favourite themes. The whole collection is uniformly set in fragile, curlicued frames, which underline the impression of a precious art-craft. Goldberg's style is that of Rembrandtesque "clair obscur" and sometimes he even imitates the famous compositions of the Dutch genius.

MUSICAL DIARY

IN its last concert of the 1949-50 season at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society presented a pre-classic programme with a newly constituted Jerusalem Chamber Orchestra. The concert was conducted by Arthur Gehrman, who had already proved himself extremely gifted in the interpretation of modern music, but less so in the playing of classics. Opening with Pergolesi's Concertino in F Minor for string orchestra, the performance was somewhat dry and uninspired. In Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major for piano, violin, flute, and orchestra, the reading by the pianist, Lisa Schroeder, was decidedly the highlight; her interpretation had distinction and personality. Young Uri Shoham (flute) and the solo violinist, Eli Spivak, were scarcely audible. The same master's Concerto for two violins and orchestra in D Minor was lacking in tone and expression. The best of

fering was Handel's Concerto Grosso No. 12, especially the larghetto con variazioni.

IN TEL AVIV. Paul Paray conducted his work in Israel with a farewell concert with the I.P.O. at the Ohel Shem Hall on Saturday. He had chosen only French works for this concert, all of which we had already heard under his direction—the ballet suite "Festin de l'Araignee" by Roussel, and Franck's "Symphonie Variations" with Eliane Richepin as soloist. He concluded the programme with the work which served as the exciting opening number of his first concert in Israel one year ago—Berlioz' "Symphonie Fantastique." Since this musical self-analysis carries the subtitle "Episodes from the Life of an Artist," it may also be regarded as the interpreter's confession of faith on this special occasion. The last movement, "Song of a Night of Sabbath," was pure story-telling. Paray, moved by the ovation he received after the concert, spoke some words of farewell. Later, he announced that he would return to the orchestra next season. Other farewell concerts last week included the appearance of Tito Gobbi at the Dante Alighieri Society, and the recital of Anna El-Tour at the Ohel Hall. The latter was most excellent in dance songs (of French origin, and by Strauss), while Schubert's "Auf dem Wasser zu singen" requires more vocal substance than the singer was able to offer. On the other hand, her interpretation of Schubert's "Erlkönig" was an astonishing achievement.

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ISRAEL YOUTH VISITS CYPRUS



Cypriots gave a friendly welcome to visitors on a one-day trip organized by the Israel Nautical League. Above, two young Israelis (left) make friends with students of the Greek Gymnasium at Kyrenia. Photo by Jonas

Readers' Letters

PUNISHMENT FOR INFILTRATORS

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir.—The plea which Dr. Senator addresses in today's Post to the Ministry of Defence to avoid the indiscriminate use of arms against infiltrators so as not to make the mere crossing of Israel territory, punishable by death, would be quite justified if there existed the least evidence that arms were being thus used. In the absence of such evidence, the letter containing as it does an intimation of an unjustified use of arms is unfair to Israel. Certainly the clash reported in the press on April 24, to which Dr. Senator refers, does not support his fears. I recall reading in the accounts in the Hebrew press that the infiltrators in that instance had offered armed resistance to Israel forces.

As to the problem in general, the hardship inflicted upon Arabs unable to cross Israel in transit on peaceful pursuits is due to the unwillingness of their governments to enter normal relations with Israel, and can be terminated at any time these governments so desire. Moreover, in exceptional cases permission to cross Israel in transit has been granted (most judiciously, in my opinion, as long as no reciprocal concessions are accorded, e.g. by Jordan to Jews from Iraq or by Egypt to Jews from South Africa). In the face of existing circumstances, Israel authorities are warranted in the assumption that Arabs entering illegally do so not only in technical violation of Israel territory but with the intent to commit crimes against life and property. Failure to proceed on this assumption would involve a serious dereliction on the part of the authorities in their elementary duty to afford protection to their own population, a protection the need for which is demonstrated by almost daily incidents.

One should also consider that, Yours, etc., Dr. H. E. WEIGEL

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STRIKERS MEETINGS SMASHED DE GASPERI'S FLYING SQUADS

By MARK STRAGE

ROME (ONA).—among the workers of Sesto San Giovanni, word is received at Celeri headquarters that the union of the radio workers in the Marcell plant are planning a strike meeting. An alert is flashed into the Celeri barracks where a company of 300 men is always on duty. All officers are called for a briefing by Major Arista. There, before a model of Sesto built on a large table, Arista explains: "Here is where the main body of workers will meet, by the railway tracks." The officers crowd around while Arista manipulates painted blocks of wood representing Celeri units, armored cars, tanks, and artillery.

Reported to exceed 75,000 men, the Riparti Celeri (Flying Squads) are, in effect, a perfectly disciplined army equipped with light tanks, armored cars, helicopters, and artillery acquired from the U.S. Their principal function is to quell public disorders, usually strikes or workers' demonstrations.

Led by Vincenzo Agnezina, who was one of Mussolini's hand-picked police inspectors, the Celeri require its members to be unmarried, "tough," and not extend left of the present government. They are housed in barracks and under constant military training and discipline. Many of the Celeri and most of their officers are said to be "Republican," or blackshirts who fought on under the Nazis after Italy's surrender.

Unemployment is rising in Italy. With their export markets cut off by the government's refusal to devalue the lira, many industrial giants like Breda, Alfa-Romeo, and Isotta Fraschini, and especially the large textile mills around Milan, are closing or limping along on part time work. Every day workers are laid off and there is a constant agitation which occasionally bubbles over in the form of a strike or a rally. And this is where the Celeri come in.

Authorized to Shoot

Any Celeri officer is authorized to give the order to fire. The men are never used individually or assigned to other police duties. They operate exclusively as a striking force. The cry "Celeri!" quickly clears the streets and inspires fear in any crowd of Italians, for they know that once these muscular and well-equipped young men go into action, skulls are likely to be cracked, regardless of whether they belong to participants or are innocent bystanders.

The Italian Government defends Italy's special police force as a necessary organ with which to support democracy. The fact that the Celeri are always used against workers and rarely, if at all, against the Fascist groups is regarded simply as evidence of the greater menace of the first group.

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